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A Gala Day in Shelbyville—Hon. J. C. Napier the Orator of the Occasion—Big Concourse Present.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.—The 20th inst. was a gala day in our little city. There was a great blow out at the fair grounds, given for the benefit of the A. M. E. Church. An excursion was run from Nashville under the auspices of a military company; Dr. W. H. Key of Nashville was the leader. In addition to the colored military company a detachment of white artillerymen, with a cannon came from Nashville. Horses were in waiting for Commandant W. H. Key and staff, composed of Lieut. H. H. Bowman, adjutant; Dr. R. F. Boyd, surgeon; and Captains Geo. T. Robinson and Wm. L. Irvin. The two last mentioned are ex-officers of the United States Army. The parade traversed the principal streets, taking in the public square, where it was photographed, and thence to the fair grounds where the day was most pleasantly spent by both white and colored in military exercises, ball games and other amusements.

The procession formed in the following order: Chief Marshall B. A. J. Nixon and staff; Commandant W. H. Key and staff in full uniform; orator of the day, Hon. J. C. Napier, accompanied by Dr. H. T. Noel and Mr. P. F. Hill in a hack; the band and a drum and bugle corps; Co. G commanded by Capt. Robert Settles, and the artillery and citizens bringing up the rear. The procession disbanded after entering the fair grounds and dinner was served the military. After dinner Hon. J. C. Napier delivered an able address in response to the welcome address by Dr. B. A. J. Nixon. Next came an exhibition drill by companies; A, Capt. Robt. Settles; B, Lieut. J. K. Knight, and C, Capt. Geo. T. Robinson. The battalion was united, Capt. W. L. Irvin acting major for the review, followed by the

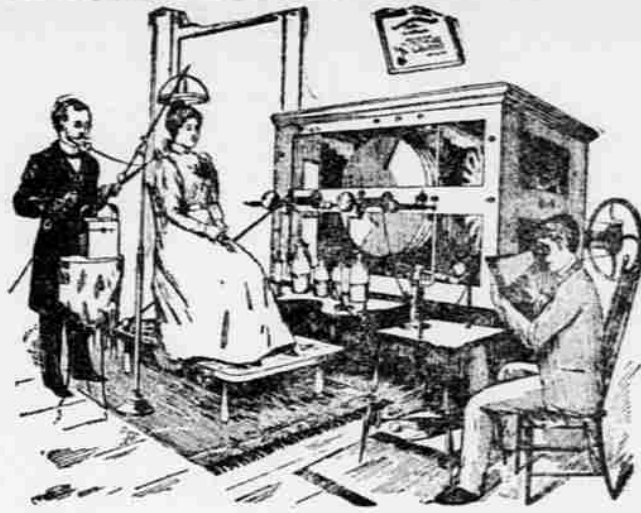
dress parade. The day's fun was closed with a realistic sham battle.

There were between 8,000 and 10,000 people white and colored out, including as the daily press put it, "some of the best people in the country." Shelbyville has never before witnessed anything like it—whites and blacks marching in the same parade, the blacks leading and then both participating in a sham battle, Negro officers commanding. And those young white men are Tennesseans. The part they took did not degrade them, but elevated the blacks. This advanced step gives a ray of hope to us. It shows the friendly feeling between the races and it brings us closer together in sympathy. Mr. Napier emphasized this thought in his address which was well received and applauded. It was indeed a beautiful sight. Let it be repeated.

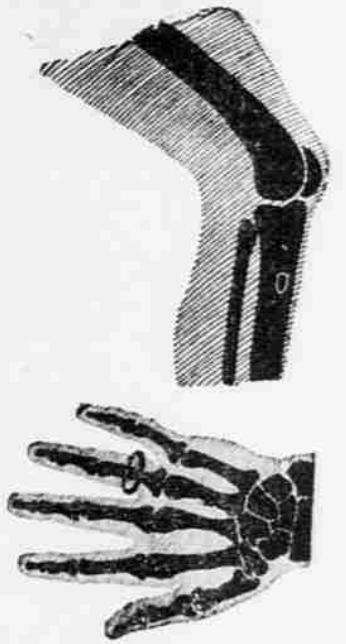
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